

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSION DIRECTIVE**

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER	<input type="checkbox"/>	DATE	<u>January 11, 2017</u>
MOTOR CARRIER MATTER	<input type="checkbox"/>	DOCKET NO.	<u>2016-29-WS</u>
UTILITIES MATTER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ORDER NO.	<u>2017-30</u>

THIS DIRECTIVE SHALL SERVE AS THE COMMISSION'S ORDER ON THIS ISSUE.

SUBJECT:

DOCKET NO. 2016-29-WS - Application of Harbor Island Utilities, Incorporated for Approval of a New Schedule of Rates and Charges for Water and Sewer Service on Harbor Island, Beaufort County - Staff Presents for Commission Consideration Harbor Island Utilities, Incorporated's Request that the Written Merits Order in this Rate Case Be Issued by the Commission No Later Than January 12, 2017.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Mr. Chairman, the Company has requested that this Commission issue our written Order in the Harbor Island rate case no later than January 12, 2017, because of the stated need to partially offset the cash flow expenses that the utility is currently experiencing as a result of Hurricane Matthew. However, the Harbor Island Owners Association opposes the request, stating, among other things, that the Association agreed to support the utility's requests for an accounting order to establish a regulatory asset to defer consideration of such expenses, and had also agreed that the Order should be issued by February 9, 2017. Further, Mr. Chairman, I would point out that the Settlement Agreement notes that the Company had agreed to provide advance notice to its customers prior to implementation of new rates, and that all parties supported the Company's request that the final Order be issued on or before February 9, 2017. Accordingly, I move that we deny the request to issue the written order no later than January 12, 2017, because of our adoption of the terms of the Settlement Agreement and the fact that we adopted the regulatory asset so that consideration of Hurricane Matthew expenses for the Company would be deferred until a later time. I also move that we hold that the Company shall immediately notify its customers of the pending rate increase that will occur effective on February 9, 2017, concurrent with the issuance of our Order on or before that date.

PRESIDING:
Whitfield

SESSION: Regular

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

	MOTION	YES	NO	OTHER	
ELAM	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
FLEMING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Not Voting</u>	Absent the day of hearing
HALL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
HAMILTON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
HOWARD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
RANDALL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Not Voting</u>	Absent the day of hearing
WHITFIELD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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RECORDED BY: J. Schmieding

